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# Writer Suggests Moves To Back Warren Report On JFK

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NEW YORK — A proposal that Xrays and photographs of President John F. Kennedy's body be examined by a committee of scholars and doctors was made public today as a way to back up the Warren Commission's report that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed the president.

The proposal contained in the current issue of The Nation was made by Jacob Cohen, who is described as completing a book to defend the conclusion made by the Warren Commission. Cohen, a 32-year-old free-lance writer from Montclair, N.J., is teaching disadvantaged children in Boston this summer and formerly was on the history faculties of Yale and Brandeis Universities.

Cohen wrote that 25 to 32 Xrays and at least 15 to 20 photographs had been taken of Kennedy's body after the assassination. He argued these could show whether a wound in the president's back had been high enough to sustain the theory of a single bullet wounding both Kennedy and Gov. John B. Connally Jr. of Texas. They could also, he contended, refute suggestions the president might have been shot from the front or side, a theory requiring a second assassin.

It is unclear, he wrote, whether the Warren Commission "ever requested and received the Xrays." He reported several commission lawyers had told him the photographs and possibly the Xrays had been withheld from publication at the request of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late president's brother.

This might have been "for reasons of taste," Cohen wrote. Another "innocent explanation," he said, was "to avert low - minded speculation that Kennedy was a dying man when he was shot" because of possible indications of the president's known adrenal insufficiency.

Arlen Specter, who was a key commission lawyer and is now district attorney of Philadelphia, said today he personally had not seen the photographs or Xrays but "the commission decided it was not necessary to review them."